(b) For the development and promotion of Khadi and Village Industries in the country, including promotion of export of KVI products, the Government of India announced a package for the Khadi and Village Industries sector on 14.05.2001. The main features of this package consist of a Rebate Policy for five years, option of Rebate and Market Development Assistance (MDA), Insurance cover to Khadi artisans, emphasis on improvement of Khadi products, creation of packaging and design facilities, measures to promote marketing, brand building, cluster development etc.

(c) No plan is under consideration to provide subsidies to Khadi produers.

Loans to unemployed youths to promote Khadi

†757. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are formulating any scheme to provide loans to unemployed persons to promote Khadi;

(b) if so, the comprehensive details thereof and by when the same is likely to be implemented; and

(c) if not, in what manner Government propose to promote "Khadi"?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI KARIYA MUNDA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Government of India has announced a package for the promotion of Khadi and Village Industries Sector on 14th May, 2001, with the prime objective of creating more jobs in rural areas and empowering the women and backward classes. The main features of the package comprise of a rebate policy for five years, option of Rebate or Market Development Assistance (MDA), Insurance cover to Khadi artisans, emphasis on improvement of Khadi products, creation of packaging and design facilities measures to promote marketing brand building and cluster development.

Recruitments in KVIC

758. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Chairman of KVIC has recently appointed about 40 'Khadi Experts' ignoring all perscribed Government norms;

(b) if not, what criteria/norms were fixed in each case;

(c) whether the Chairman has got unfettered powers to make such recruitment;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(d) if not, the rules/instructions under which, he is empowered to make such appointments; and

(e) the names of SC, ST and OBC candidates, selected against the reserved posts?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI KARIYA MUNDA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Allocation of fund under PMRY in Uttar Pradesh

759. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the funds allocated and released by Government during the last three years under the Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) the details of the funds spent under the scheme during this plan; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to allocate funds to Uttar Pradesh during the year 2001-2002?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI KARIYA MUNDA): (a) and (b) Under the Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana (PMRY), the Central Government releases funds for subsidy as well as for Training and Entrepreneurial Development etc. While the funds for subsidy are authorised to the reserve Bank of India for passing on to the individual beneficiaries through the implementing banks, the funds for Training and Entrepreneurial Development etc. are released to the States/ UTs. The details of funds released and utilized in Uttar Pradesh (including Uttaranchal) during the last three years i.e. 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000 under the Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana (PMRY) are given in the Statement enclosed. (*See* below)

(c) During 2001-2002, an amount of Rs. 363.92 lakh has already been released to the Government of Uttar Pradesh under the PMRY. In addition, the State Government has a balance of Rs. 334.17 lakhs from the funds released during the previous years.

Statement

Details of funds Released/Utilised during the last three years i.e. 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-01 in Uttar Pradesh (including Uttaranchal) under the Prime Minister Rozgar Yojana.

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	Funds Released	Funds Utilised
1998-1999	367.89	375.48
1999-2000	330.41	351.28
2000-01	352.90	Utilisation Certificate is awaited.